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**Response to Final Office Action dated December 6, 2010**

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			)	<b>the mid-foot region via an intramedullary</b>
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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 6, 2010 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/525,544

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Dear Mr. Examiner;

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the December 6 Office Action in the above-identified application. Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in Section I (Amendments to the Claims) hereof. Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the December 6,2010 Office Action are set out in Section II (Remarks) hereof. In addition, as this is a response to a Final Rejection, applicant submits an RCE (Request for Continued Examination) with a payment of the \$405.00 small entity fee as specified in 37 CFR § 1.17(e) made by online credit card authorization at the time of EFS filing of this Response. Applicant requests that the examiner considers the response to the final office action in order to accelerate examination of the application.

**Section I. Amended Claims**